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As to each item of information which is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance thereof pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) is attached. The concise explanation of relevance comprises an English language Summary attached to each non-English language item of information. Each item of information is also described in the present specification in the section entitled "Background of the Invention".

Consideration of this information disclosure statement is respectfully requested.

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